●6巻です！ ありがとうございます！ キャラを考える時よくコンビで考えるんですが初めアンテと組ませようとしたのはリス。でも2人共頼りないし、ディーンと組ませた方がおもしろいと思って変更しました。ごめんねリス。

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キオ&フラウが贈る、天使達の新感覚バトル&テイル第6巻!! マニヒスが元は人間の魂だと知り一層魂の救済への意志を強めるキオ。動揺する天使界のため、キオ大躍進!! 描下し「テンリとスリート」2P&「なんとなく…」4Pも必見♪

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△キオ *Kio*

AN ANGEL ON MANIFIS' DUTY. HE HAS WINGS THE COLOR OF THE SUN. HE'S GOT A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE.

フラウ *Fraw* △

ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS. HE'S KIO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND AND EXCELS IN HEALING TECHNIQUES.

*THE ANGELS' DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE FLOW OF HUMAN LIVES. IN THE ANGELS' WORLD, THE HIERARCHY GOES LIKE THIS. ARCHANGELS, THE SEVEN ANGELS, OFFICERS, AND ANGELS, AND THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT MISSIONS.
*THE "ANGEL" KIO FREES POSSESSED HUMAN SOULS, AND HAS A MARK ON HIS LEFT HAND WHICH IS THE SIGN OF THE NEXT ARCHANGEL.
KIO VISITED KAKAKYOLI AND THE TREE RIVER VALLEY, AND GROWS STRONGER EVERY DAY. WHEN HE FOUND OUT THAT MANIFIS WERE ONCE HUMAN SOULS, IT STRENGTHENED HIS RESOLVE TO RESCUE THE SOULS. KIO HAS RETURNED TO THE ANGELS' WORLD WITH GREEN, WHO NOW REMEMBERS HE'S AN ANGEL.

MANIFIS EVIL SPIRITS THAT COME TO EARTH THROUGH A "PATH" FROM THE SOUL PRISON. THEY POSSESS PARTS OF DECEASED SOULS OR LIVING HUMANS

READ VOLUME 1-5 TO KNOW MORE!

FORMERLY ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS. HAS A SCAR ON HIS FACE.

HEAD OF THE SEVEN ANGELS IN TRUTH. HE'S THE ARCH-ANGEL.

ANGEL ON MANIFIS DUTY.

ANGEL. HIS DUTY IS TO BRING HUMANS TOGETHER.

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JUMP
RUSTLE
THEY'RE BACK...

GREEN.
THANKS, SLEET.
No problem.
POP
YOU'VE REMEMBERED?
Oh
SORRY FOR RUNNING AWAY FROM YOU, KORUMA.
BACK THEN. .

Rustle
YOU MADE US WORRY
SORRY YEAH, IT'S BEEN A WHILE
GOOD, YOU LOOK WELL.
FELLOW TREE DOCTORS
THIS IS WORSE THAN I'D IMAGINED.
FIGURES YOU CAN TELL WITH JUST A GLANCE.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK.
I'LL GO REPORT IN, YOU START THE TREAT-MENTS.
SURE

FRAW, I'M SORRY FOR ASKING RIGHT AS YOU'VE RETURNED, BUT...
WE HAVE MANY INJURED WILL YOU HELP?
YOU TWO HAVE DONE WELL.
LORD WEI.
KIO.
LORD WEI, FRAW'S BEEN...
I'M BETTER ALREADY.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD REST, KIO.
DON'T RUN OFF TO EARTH ALONE.
I... WON'T.
Let's go Kio

ARE THERE ANY SERIOUSLY WOUNDED?
—I'D MORE CALL IT SERIOUSLY OVER-WORKED
YOU, FRAW.
I WOULD HAVE ASKED YOU TO COME HERE STRAIGHT-OUT, BUT WITH KIO THERE, YOU WOULD HAVE REFUSED, RIGHT?
EVEN IF IT MEANT MISLEADING KIO, I COULDN'T LET THAT HAPPEN
YOUR STRENGTH MUST BE NEARLY USED UP
YOU REALLY DIDN'T HOLD BACK ON YOUR TRIP, DID YOU?
YOU'VE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB,
NOW TAKE YOUR TIME AND REST UP
OKAY, FRAW?

YES SIR ...!
LORD WEI CAN BE SUPER SCARY SOME-TIMES...
DON'T YOU DARE LET HIM OUT UNTIL I SAY SO
SWISH
LORD FRAW... IS IN A HEALING BED?
GRIP
SO HE SAW THROUGH ME...?
SWISH

JUST THAT...
AND I'M COM-PLETELY DRAINED
IF I DON'T GET STRONGER, I WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT KIO
KIO!
I'LL MEET WITH GREEN LATER. TREATMENTS TAKE PRIORITY FOR NOW.
YEAH, IF YOU MET WITH HIM NOW MAYBE YOU'D BE TOO GRATEFUL AND HE'D WIND UP FAINTING
Ohhhhh!
SNUGGLE
GOOD JOB!!
FRAW DID MORE THAN ME.
You're squeezin'!
WHAT, YOU WERE WATCH-ING?

I SEE...
I THOUGHT THAT MIGHT HAPPEN.
WELL,
IF NO ONE CAN SEE US, THERE'S NO LONGER A NEED TO STOP TIME, SO THAT ACTUALLY MAKES THINGS EASIER.
BUT IT PUTS MORE DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND HUMANS... IT'S SAD.
TRUE.
AND MAYBE IT'S ABOUT TIME TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO ALL THE ANGELS
YEAH.
DOES KIO ALREADY KNOW ...?
YEAH, I TOLD HIM THE ORIGINS OF THE MANIFIS.
AND YOU'RE OK? NOT TROUBLED?
YES.
IF THE ONES HINDERING THE PASSAGE OF HUMAN REINCARNATION ARE THEMSELVES HUMAN SOULS,
I BELIEVE THE WAY TO STOP THE MANIFIS AND RETURN THEM TO WHERE THEY BELONG IS TO HELP THEM

Tenri! Don't talk about people crying!
HE DID CRY AT FIRST, BUT HE TURNED IT AROUND QUICKLY.
He's an optimist.
I wanted to see that.

Oh!
YEAH, AND AS FOR THE ANGELS ON EARTH...
WE'LL HAVE TO TELL THEM GENTLY
I HOPE ALL THE ANGELS SEE THINGS THE SAME WAY.

I'M JUST A REGULAR ANGEL, AFTER ALL
Yes?
THAT'S RIGHT, KIO.
UM... MAYBE I SHOULD...

Wait! Why isn't Erew here?
I'm even having tea
BUT IS IT REALLY OK FOR ME TO BE HERE!?
THAT REMINDS ME, THE SEVEN ANGELS USUALLY GET TOGETHER FOR MEETINGS.

ALL THE ANGELS HAVE BEEN GATHERED AND ARE BEING TOLD THE WHOLE STORY.
I KNOW, BUT SURELY THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE—
I'M TOO BUSY TO GO THIS TIME.
NOT REALLY.
Swish
And this time we're going to meet the ruler of the soul prison.
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE LORD LOREIN'S ATTEN-DANT!?
Chang-ing clothes
ONLY THE ARCHANGEL, THE SEVEN ANGELS, AND A FEW OFFICERS KNEW.
KIO, YOU'VE ALREADY COME TO TERMS WITH IT. BUT FOR THE OTHER ANGELS ..

IT'S SO SAD..
MAYBE I WON'T TRAIN FOR MANIFIS DUTY.
IT WILL PROBABLY UPSET THEM FOR A WHILE.
Murmur
Murmur
THEY... REALLY ARE UPSET
I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL USE A FEATHER.
THE NEXT TIME I SEE A MANIFIS ...
HEY... WHAT'S THE OUTFIT FOR?
UM... WELL...
TIG... ARE YOU OK?
HM? OH, YOU MEAN ABOUT THE MANIFIS?

Oh.
IT... KIND OF FEELS LIKE I KNEW, SOMEHOW
SO IT'S NOT A HUGE SHOCK TO ME
TIG ISN'T REALLY MUCH OF A THINKER, SO HE'LL HAVE NO PROBLEM ADJUSTING.
WHAT'D YOU MEAN BY THAT?!
Luke!
THERE WERE A LOT OF SAD KIDS CRYING, TOO.
Being invisible to humans is also a shock.
ANGELS EXIST TO HELP HUMANS
AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BATTLE THESE HUMAN SOULS BECAUSE THEY'RE BLACKENED WITH SIN?
SO WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PICK WHICH SOULS TO SAVE?
YOU CAN'T REALLY BLAME ANYONE...
FOR LOSING THEIR SPIRIT

WE EACH CHOOSE...
OUR DUTY.
LORD LOREIN.
Him?
Um, well
Why the clothes? They look good on you
Hee
WE ALL NEED TO RECONSIDER THINGS
WE CAN EACH CHOOSE THE DUTY WE TAKE, RIGHT?
KIO?
YOU MEAN FRAW...? RIGHT, HE'S ALSO HELPING CALM EVERYONE DOWN
...THEN THEY WON'T BE HEADING TO EARTH FOR A WHILE?
ALL THE OTHER ANGELS, YOU SEE.
YES, IT'LL BE FINE. THE SEVEN ARE WITH ...

I NEVER CAN DO ANYTHING --
WHILE I'M WAITING FOR FRAW
I'D ALSO LIKE TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE ANGELS UPSET AT THE NEWS,
BUT NO ONE WOULD LISTEN EVEN IF I SPOKE TO THEM.
MAYBE THERE ISN'T ANYTHING AT ALL THAT I CAN DO IN THE ANGELS' WORLD.
LORD LOREIN?

I CAN SENSE A MANIFIS
flare
THAT AREA IS ODD.
BURST

Eeee

KIO, GET AWAY FROM IT!
IT'S NOT DISPERSING!?
SLAM
STRAIN
YOU... GUYS...
Eeek!
JUST... DO YOUR TIME IN THERE!
AND MESSING WITH THE CYCLE OF REINCARNATION...
INSTEAD OF ESCAPING PRISON...

POP
EEEK
SLURP
KIO!
ONCE YOU LEARN YOUR LESSON, YOU CAN GO!!

HONESTLY... THAT BOY ACTS SO RECKLESSLY.
HE GOT TRANS-PORTED BACK TO THE PRISON WITH IT.

THIS...
IS THE SOUL PRISON...!?
AH... WHAT'S GOING ON...?
I FELL... INTO A HOLE...
AND AFTER THAT, I CAN'T REMEMBER.
...DO THEY LOSE THEIR MEMORIES WHEN THEY COME HERE?

I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY SEE MY WINGS.
HE'S KIND OF SHINING
WHAT IS... HIS BODY MADE OF?
MURMUR MURMUR
WHY ARE YOU...
DRESSED DIFFER-ENTLY?
WHO ARE YOU?
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
LET GO!
LIGHT...
THE LIGHT IS SO NOS-TALGIC
KIO.
HUH..?
FLARE
Gaaaaah!

FT!
YOU CAN'T USE YOUR WINGS HERE.
TAKE MY HAND.
SO LORD LOREIN MADE IT TO LORD ENRA*.
THANKS FOR SAVING ME.
*Ruler of the Soul Prison
ZOOM
THERE WILL BE A BIT OF AN IMPACT WHEN WE PASS THROUGH THAT GATE.
WE'RE GOING TO ENTER OUR TERRI-TORY
THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE SEEN THIS PLACE...
IT'S... WELL...
A PLACE YOU DON'T WANT TO STAY FOR LONG, RIGHT?
YEAH ...

SOULS FROM THE PRISON CAN'T GET IN HERE?
YEAH, THEY CAN'T GET THROUGH.
CRASH

THE PLACE YOU GUYS LIVE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
THIS WAY, I'LL GUIDE YOU TO THE CASTLE

Rustle

LORD ENRA.
I'VE BROUGHT KIO.
What high ceilings—
KIO!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE.
SO YOU ARE KIO?
WHOA!

OH...?
I... I'M KIO_, NICE TO MEET YOU...
LORD ENRA IS HUUUGE.
I SEE, YOU HAVE A NICE LIGHT.
FULL OF VITALITY, AS WELL.
I HEARD YOU RETURNED THAT SOUL HERE.
THANK YOU.
IF THE SOUL HAD GOTTEN THROUGH, IT WOULD HAVE PROBABLY TRAVELLED TO ANOTHER PLANE.
I IMMEDIATELY SENT MY RETAINERS TO ATTEND TO IT WHEN I NOTICED, BUT IT WAS DUE TO YOUR ACTIONS THAT THE EVENT WAS CONTAINED
THAT WAS THE FIRST A "HOLE" HAS OPENED INTO THE ROAMING SPACE

PLUS, THERE ARE OTHER PROBLEMS.
BUT UNTIL ZEHTA IS CAPTURED, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO STABILIZE THINGS.
I WISH I COULD SAY THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
I GUESS THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF IT ESCAPING.
BUT WELL, LOREIN WAS ALSO THERE
I DIDN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING. KIO TOOK CARE OF IT.
I DO APPRECIATE IT, LOREIN
THERE ISN'T TIME FOR THEM TO MASTER THE TECHNIQUES TO DEPORT MANIFIS
YOU WANT TO SUPPORT MY RETAINERS ON EARTH?
THAT IS WHAT WE CAME TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT
IT SEEMS MY RETAINERS ARE BEING ATTACKED BY MANIFIS ON EARTH.

I THOUGHT THIS DAY MIGHT COME. SO I PLANNED AHEAD.
WE DIDN'T WANT TO SIMPLY LEAVE THE MANIFIS TO ANGELS.

SOME OF MY RETAINERS WHO HAVE LEARNED THE TECHNIQUES ARE ALREADY WORKING ON EARTH.
THE REST ARE CURRENTLY TRAINING.
IS THAT WHY YOU WERE THERE RIGHT AWAY TODAY?

BUT IF MY RETAINERS ARE IN DANGER, I WOULD APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT.
AND NATURALLY, I'LL ASK FOR THE ANGELS' CONTINUED COOPERATION IN RETURNING THE SOULS THAT HAVE BECOME MANIFIS TO THE PRISON.
UNDERSTOOD.

Rustle
I SEE. ENRA'S HAVING TROUBLE OF HIS OWN
HOW GO THINGS WITH THE ANGELS?
ANGELS HAVE ALSO FALLEN VICTIM TO MANIFIS...
IT'S CHAOS.
I REALLY DO SUCK AT KEEPING MORALE UP.
I had another of the seven angels take over
FIGURES
THEN, GREG...
THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE YOU TO DO.
GREEN... IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S STILL NOTHING I CAN DO TO HELP

WE STILL CAN'T GO TO EARTH.
Mew
LET'S LOOK FOR SOME WAY TO HELP.
RUB
RUB
MILK, YOU WANT TO COME?
YLITO
KIO!
HOW'RE YOU DOING!?
GOOD. AND YOU...?
YLITO?
SORRY... I JUST SAW YOUR FACE, AND...

THEY INSISTED THAT WASN'T THE CASE, BUT...
I'M REALLY WORRIED...
SORRY... THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, KIO.
SINCE THE PEOPLE ON EARTH CAN'T SEE US ANYMORE... MOST ANGELS DON'T REALLY NEED TO USE BIKES ANYMORE...
THAT MEANS THAT EVERYONE WHO WORKS AT THE SHOP DOESN'T NEED TO MAKE MORE, RIGHT...?
OF COURSE IT DOES!
IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BIKE AND YOU GET TOO TIRED TO FLY, YOU'RE IN REAL TROUBLE.
AND I LIKE RIDING BIKES!
THANKS...
YEAH... I GUESS THERE ARE ANGELS LIKE YOU, TOO... IT'LL WORK OUT...
YUTO
YOU ALWAYS CHEERED ME UP WITH THAT SMILING FACE OF YOURS...
AND YOU GAVE ME ENERGY...
BUT THAT'S ALL I COULD SAY...
OH!

THAT'S RIGHT, SNOW!
HUH?
THERE ARE ALSO ANGELS WHO CAN'T USE THEIR WINGS WHEN IT'S TOO COLD.
AND SOME WHO CAN'T STAND HEAVY WINDS ...
AND THEY COULD USE STRONG BIKES!
Huh?
Huh?
YOU CAN DO IT, YUTO! YOU CAN MAKE BIKES THAT WON'T BREAK...
IN THE DEEP COLD AND HEAVY WINDS!
I CAN'T WAIT.
STRONGER BIKES..
I... GUESS.
YEAH.

THAT'S RIGHT...
EVEN STRONGER.
FLAP
THANKS, KIO!
GOT IT! I'LL DO IT!
SILK,
I'VE DECIDED WHAT TO DO.
LET'S GO FIND TENRI.
Flap

WELL, RIGHT NOW...

I KNOW, HE'S PROBABLY BUSY. I WON'T BE LONG.
LORD FRAW IS ..

I SHOULD TELL FRAW, TOO.
OH!
THAT'S RIGHT

LORD WEI IS HERE TOO.
I'M FINE ALREADY.
FOR STARTERS, YOUR BODY ISN'T FULLY HEALED YET.
NO, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.

AH, WAIT!
THAT'S FRAW'S VOICE

FRAW ?
HE'S BEEN RESTING THIS WHOLE TIME?
BUT YOU HAVEN'T EVEN RESTED HALF A DAY.
SO .. I WANT TO GET BACK TO EARTH QUICKLY.
FRAW!

WHAT'S GOING ON...?
OH,
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S DANGEROUS, IF THERE'S A WAY TO REGAIN MY POWER QUICKLY AND BECOME EVEN MORE POWERFUL, I'LL TAKE IT!

SWSH
KIO...
FRAW
...
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING ...?
LOOK,
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN RECOVERED ENOUGH TO SENSE THAT KIO WAS RIGHT THERE.
USING ETAPHIL IS OUT OF THE QUESTION

ETAPHIL ...?
ISN'T THAT DRUG PROHIBITED? IT TEMPORARILY RAISES YOUR POWER, BUT DAMAGES YOUR BODY.
IF I DON'T GET MORE POWERFUL, I WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU ANYMORE!
FRAW!
I HAVE TO SUPPORT YOU, KIO ...
DON'T TELL ME... THIS IS BECAUSE OF ME...!?
FRAW... YOU ABSOLUTELY CAN'T DO THAT..
BUT... THERE ARE SO MANY TIMES WHEN YOU'RE IN DANGER, AND I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP..

THAT'S ENOUGH, FRAW!
IF I BECOME STRONGER, I'LL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.
I'M SURE I'LL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT YOU.
HOW COULD I NOT NOTICE?
THE PAIN OF THE PERSON CLOSEST TO ME...
AND THE FEELINGS FRAW HAD BEEN CARRYING ALL THIS TIME...
THAT'S ENOUGH! I'LL BECOME STRONGER TOO!
I WANT TO SUPPORT YOU TOO!
I LEANED ON FRAW TOO MUCH.
KIO.
SO DON'T DO ANYTHING THIS DANGEROUS!
I LEANED ON YOU AND WOUND UP BURDENING YOU.
IF YOU WANT TO STAY WITH ME...
FRAW!

I'LL GET STRONGER ...
SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER LIKE THIS EVER AGAIN.
CAN I... STAY WITH YOU?
YEAH. BUT NO TAKING ETAPHIL TO GET STRONGER.
...OK...
I GET IT, KIO.
Sorry
LOREIN ASKED ME TO, BUT...
IS THIS REALLY OK?
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KIO... REALLY WORKS HARD
FRAW GETS WORRIED AND IS ALWAYS WATCHING HIM
LORD TENRI'S FEATHER LESSONS ARE ONCE EVERY 3 DAYS, BUT DOESN'T KIO PRACTICE LIKE EVERY DAY?
LORD LOREIN IS TEACHING US TODAY.
HE TOLD ME HE REALLY DIDN'T GET THE FEATHER TECHNIQUE WE LEARNED
KIO'S STILL AT IT?
Whee!
On earth, angel feathers disappear after a set amount of time
Of course, the flower officers sneak off with them, too

IT SEEMS LIKE I'M ON VACATION AT THE MOMENT...
SO LOREIN TOLD ME TO LEND A HAND.
LORD GREG... YOU'LL COACH ME?
I WON'T BE TEACHING YOU THE USUAL FEATHER TECHNIQUES.
WELL, IT'S SOMETHING I HAVEN'T TAUGHT BECAUSE NO ANGEL TO DATE HAS BEEN ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH ME.
WANNA GIVE IT A TRY?
YES, PLEASE!
GOOD.

LORD FRAW WENT TO SLEEP WITHOUT A FUSS.
GOOD.
IT LOOKS LIKE WHAT KIO SAID GOT THROUGH TO HIM.
...
TELL FRAW TO COME SEE ME WHEN HE LEAVES.
AS YOU WISH.
SWISH

Flap
OF WHAT?
I'VE GOT A BASE-LINE.
WELL, YOU SHOULD DO FINE.
THAT'S ENOUGH, COME DOWN HERE.
RUSTLE
FIRST UP...
RUN ACROSS THE YELLOW MOUNTAIN THREE TIMES.
Yellow?
LOOKS LIKE SOME-THING'S STARTED.
With, Kio
SOME-THING...?

THE GOLD DUST ALL OVER MAKES RUNNING HARD!
Rustle
Rustle
HE'S RUNNING ON THE YELLOW MOUNTAIN.
THUD
SORRY, BUT I CAN'T PLAY RIGHT NOW.
Rustle
Rustle
Rustle
Rustle
WE CAN SEE THAT.
AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
TRAIN-ING—
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
NO WAY, YOU GOT DEMOTED BACK INTO SCHOOL!?
Rustle
Rustle
Rustle
No!!
KIO—

I...
KIO, IF YOU WEREN'T OUT HERE DOING THIS, YOU COULD BE CHEERING EVERYONE UP.
Rustle
THE OTHER ANGELS ARE ALL DEPRESSED, SO IT'S BORING.
...THAT BAD?
WELL, THEY'VE CALMED DOWN A LOT SINCE THE SEVEN ANGELS CAME TO TALK TO THEM.
I SEE ...
Rustle
Rustle
WOW, LORD GREG IS SO COOL.♡
How can he run so fast with footing like this!?
HE'S FAST!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
I'M TAKING THE LEAD!
DON'T LOSE, KIO!
Yeah!
Rustle

I TAUGHT HIM ALL HIS FEATHER TECH-NIQUES, YOU KNOW
WITH GREG'S TRAINING, I BET HE'LL REALLY BE SOMETHING
KIO WILL GET THROUGH THESE ROUGH PATCHES, AS WELL.
HE'S DOING WELL, HUH.
LET'S SEE HOW LONG HE CAN KEEP UP WITH GREG.
NO..
PAST HALF-WAY...
HALF TO GO ...
Slide
ALMOST ... HALFWAY THERE
HUFF HUFF
AND BE ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO ARCH-ANGEL.

FRAW
...
I'LL BECOME STRONGER, TOO.
THAT'S UNEXPECTED ...
HE'S FASTER NOW THAN HE WAS AT THE START.
You'd usually get slower
GOOD JOB.
Rustle
Rustle
Rustle

THUD
Trip
Ah!
THREE TRIPS BACK TO BACK AND YOUR FEET ARE GOING TO GET TANGLED.
SORRY...
I CAN SEE WHY LOREIN WANTED TO TRY THIS
THE OTHER ANGELS I PUT THROUGH THIS NEVER MADE IT PAST TWO TRIPS.
LET'S GET YOU CLEANED UP AT THE LAKE.
YOU'RE COVERED IN SAND FROM WHEN YOU FELL.
Sure.

SPLASH
Glub
Glub
TRY TO PUSH ME OUT OF THE LAKE.

GLUB
Ghg...
PUSH HIM...?
I CAN'T... MOVE AT ALL!
HEY, YOU EVEN TRYING?
I'M TRYING...!
MOVE YOUR WINGS.
I AM MOVING THEM!!
Glub

WHAT ARE YOU TEACHING ME HERE ...?
JUST... WHAT... IS THIS?
LET'S TAKE A BREAK.
He's strong
Huff
Huff
WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?
I'M TEACHING YOU "HOW TO BECOME STRONGER".

I DON'T NEED TO REST.
THERE AREN'T MANY ANGELS ON EARTH RIGHT NOW, AND THE MANIPIS ARE MULTIPLYING...
SPLISH
I WANT ...
TO KEEP TRAINING UNTIL FRAW GETS BETTER,
AND THEN HEAD STRAIGHT TO EARTH.
PUT YOUR WINGS AWAY.
CLIMB THAT TREE...
USING JUST YOUR HANDS.

FRAW?
IT'S ME.

LORD FRAW,
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?
YES, I'M FINE
HOW LONG WAS I SLEEPING?
ALMOST TWO DAYS

MY STRENGTH WILL RETURN FASTER IF I WATCH OVER KIO.
BUT YOU DON'T NEED THE HEALING BED ANYMORE, I SEE.
YOU'RE STILL NOT AT FULL STRENGTH
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY.

swish
HELP YOU OUT A LITTLE
BUT LET ME ALSO ..
YEAH, TRUE.
flare

I'M... OVER-FLOWING WITH ENERGY.
BDMP
THIS AMAZING POWER!
IS WEI'S ..?
WAIT, NO, HE CAN'T HAVE...!
WEI!
DON'T TELL ME HE TOOK IT!?
WHY!?

THIS... IS WHAT YOU TRIED TO DO.
TREATING SOMEONE WITH THE POWER GAINED FROM TAKING ETAPHIL.
IT'S HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, BUT A NORMAL ANGEL WOULD BECOME HELPLESS FOR A WHILE, UNABLE TO MOVE...
THOUGH I'LL RECOVER IN A DAY.
FOR YOU, FRAW, I'D GUESS AT LEAST THREE DAYS.
PLUS, THERE'S ALSO THE CHANCE FOR AFTER-EFFECTS OF SOME SORT.
THIS IS WHY IT'S FORBIDDEN. KEEP THAT IN MIND.
WEL...
HE MADE HIMSELF AN EXAMPLE TO TEACH ME THIS!?
I'LL BE FINE.
GO BE WITH KIO.
HE'S TRYING TOO HARD TO GET STRONGER, WORKING WITHOUT REST.
THE POWER I JUST GAVE YOU IS A FAREWELL GIFT, FRAW.
KIO, OUR FUTURE ARCHANGEL, IN YOUR CARE.
I'LL LEAVE ...

HE'S RUNNING THROUGH THE BLUE MOUNTAIN THIS TIME?
I'D SAY HE'S GOING ON WILLPOWER ALONE, BUT HE WON'T STOP
YEAH. WITHOUT A BREAK.
LOREIN, WILL YOU TELL HIM TO TAKE A BREAK?
AND HE'S ALWAYS BEEN THE TYPE TO WORK UNTIL HE DROPPED
KIO ISN'T REALLY ALL THAT PATIENT...
Oh,
HE'S STOPPED EN ROUTE
He's close to the summit
DID HE TRIP?
Splsh
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
BUT I CAN'T EVEN MOVE MY LEGS ANYMORE...
LORD GREG RUNS THESE SO EASILY...

I'M JUST TOO WEAK...
Ahh!
Geez!
Splash
WHEN DID THE BRUISE SPREAD SO FAR?
Yank
THEY SAID THIS ISN'T AN INJURY,
BUT MAYBE IT'S AFFECTING MY STRENGTH?

GO AWAY, BRUISE!!
HAVING STRANGE COLORED WINGS IS BAD ENOUGH, NOW THIS THING IS SPREADING..!
scrab
scrab
GO AWAY ...!!
KIO.
HE MUST'VE GOTTEN TIRED AND SAT DOWN...
FLAP

Kio!
Huh?
Splsh
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? STOP IT!
FRAW, YOU'RE ALREADY BETTER...?
I'M FINE.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING...?
OH... I WANTED IT GONE
YOU DUMMY!

Flutter
Flap
FRAW ...
BUT... I THINK THIS MIGHT BE THE REASON MY STRENGTH DOESN'T LAST LONG ..
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL!
FRAW'S RIGHT.
YOU HAVE PLENTY OF STRENGTH, KIO.
BEING ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH GREG ISN'T SOMETHING ANYONE CAN DO.
OH .. REALLY.
YOU'RE HURT...
DON'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS AGAIN

SORRY..
FOR MAKING YOU WORRY ABOUT ME AGAIN
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
And I won't do it again.
YOU'RE TOO IMPATIENT.
REST UP SOME, KIO.
OK..
I'M TAKING A LITTLE BREAK FROM MANIFIS DUTY TRAINING.
SOME ANGELS ARE ASKING TO SWITCH DUTIES ALTOGETHER
I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO EARTH?
WE'LL HAVE TO MENTALLY PREPARE TO CONTINUE "DESTROYING" THEM—
WELL, IT'S ALREADY BEEN TWO DAYS...

THREE MORE TIMES OVER THE YELLOW MOUNTAIN.
YES, SIR!
HE'S BOUNCED BACK.
IF HE OVERDOES IT AGAIN, I'LL STOP HIM.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WEI.
I SAW HIM EARLIER,
AND THERE ARE NO LINGERING ILL-EFFECTS.
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
BUT IT WAS A SHOCK WHEN HE TRIED TO SCRUB OFF THAT "BRUISE".
MAYBE WE SHOULD TELL HIM THE TRUTH...
NO, NOT YET.

IT ISN'T YET THE TIME.
Rustle
Rustle
WOW, THIS IS HARD-CORE.
3 TIMES, SERI-OUSLY!?
Rustle Rustle Rustle Rustle Rustle
YOU WANT TO GIVE UP, TIG?
NO WAY!
WHAT!?
IT'D PISS ME OFF IF ONLY KIO GOT STRONG.
YOU CAN JUST ASK TO JOIN HIM, YOU KNOW.
Shut up!!
Look, you're falling behind!
Shhh!
Rustle

I CAN GET EVEN STRONGER BY TRAINING WITH OTHERS.
INSTEAD OF DOING IT ALONE,
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME,
COMING TOGETHER, CHEERING AND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER...
KIO'S A GOOD INFLUENCE.
...IT KIND OF... SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE IS RECOVERING THEIR SPIRITS A LITTLE.
BUT WE'LL GET THROUGH IT.

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO CAN PARTICIPATE.
IT'S SPECIAL TRAINING.
Wait how're you supposed to swim without using your wings?
Like this!
THEY'VE BEEN RUNNING ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN AND STUFF SINCE YESTERDAY
...WHAT ARE THOSE THREE DOING?
Swish
YEP, AND HE WAS ALONE AT FIRST.
KIO'S DOING THAT?
I JUST LOOKED, AND THERE WAS A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE DOING IT.
IT'S LIKE ANYONE WHO WATCHES THEM GETS PUMPED UP, TOO.
Huh?
Yeah!
THEN WE'D BETTER WORK OUR BEST, TOO.
THAT CIRCLE GREW TO INCLUDE THE ENTIRETY OF THE ANGELS' WORLD
AND FIVE DAYS LATER —

splash
Oh!
HUH...!?
YOU PUSHED ME OUT!
WOW!
Amazing, Kio!
He did it!
What!?

SEVEN DAYS AGO, I COULDN'T EVEN MOVE HIM AT ALL.
THAT HAPPENED FASTER THAN I THOUGHT.
I'VE KEPT YOU FROM FLYING FOR SEVEN DAYS. TRY IT NOW, AND YOU'LL SEE WHY.
TRY FLYING.
AND UNDER-WATER... IT'S GOTTEN A LOT EASIER FOR ME TO MOVE MY WINGS.
FLAP
Whoa ...!?

MY WINGS FEEL SO LIGHT...!
WHAT IS THIS!?
LESS HEAVY, RIGHT?
YOUR WINGS ARE STRONGER THAN BEFORE.
THAT'S THE END OF MY TRAINING.
YOU DID WELL.
IS THAT WHAT IT WAS?
THANK YOU!

I did it!
Hey!
FRAW!
Mew
Mew
SILK, MILK,
WE'RE ALL SET TO GO TO EARTH.
HEY, GO FOR IT.
WITH SO FEW ANGELS ON EARTH, NOW'S THE TIME TO GO WILD.
TORMENT THE LIVING TO YOUR HEARTS' CONTENT.
Eeek
Eeek
Eeek
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<TENRI AND SLEET>
Back when Tenri was still just a regular angel.
1
SLEET'S HORN IS SHAPED DIFFERENTLY THAN THE OTHER UNICORNS', SO HE WAS LEFT OUT.
2
HATED HIS DENT HORN.
SO SLEET ...
3
slam
slam
slam
I HATE... THIS HORN.
4
HEY NOW, I'M FEELING SORRY FOR THE TREE.
5
AND IT'D BE HORRIBLE IF YOU DAMAGED SUCH A COOL HORN.
6
COOL?
7
got attached to me?
Yeah, he kinda
8
<TO BE CONTINUED>

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EEEK
CRACK
OH.
IT BROKE ALREADY.
LORD ZEHTA WILL HAVE TO MAKE ME ANOTHER O-
YOU USED IT TOO MUCH.
IT'S FINE. THE SOULS FROM THE PRISON GET RELEASED AND SENT BACK, SO THERE'S AN INFINITE AMOUNT.

WE SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THEM
I'D RATHER JUST WATCH.
BUT, YOU KNOW, THOSE GUYS ARE HOLDING OUT REMARKABLY WELL.
SURE THEY COME FROM THERE, LIKE US, BUT IF MORE INTELLIGENT GUYS WITH SPECIAL ABILITIES WOULD COME,
THEY COULD PUT AN END TO A FEW ANGELS AND SOUL PRISON ENVOYS WITHOUT MUCH TROUBLE.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. GIVE ME YOUR STONE.
Hm? Are you mad?
SO THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN HERE, FRAW.
YES.

BEFORE YOU GO TO EARTH, THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU.
Oh, I see.
A VAST ROOM WITHOUT WINDOWS
TO THINK A PLACE LIKE THIS WAS HERE
IT'S MY ROOM.
IT'S ABOUT KIO'S "BRUISE".
IT USED TO BE A BRIGHTER COLOR. IT WORRIES ME THAT IT'S GROWN DARKER THAN BEFORE.
IT'S GOOD THAT IT'S GROWING.
BUT... HOW CAN I SAY THIS..

HE'S ALWAYS DISLIKED THE BRUISE, AND EVEN TRIED TO SCRUB IT OFF
IT'S THE MARK OF THE ARCHANGEL.
BUT SINCE I'VE NEVER MET AN ARCHANGEL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FINAL FORM OF THE MARK LOOKS LIKE.
ITS... COLOR?
SINCE YOU CAN SEE ANGELS' LIGHTS TOO, FRAW, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE IN COLOR EASILY.
—... HUH?
BUT WELL, IT'D BE QUICKER TO JUST SHOW YOU THE REAL THING.
WE'RE SURE
AND YOU'RE SURE OF WHAT THE ARCH-ANGEL'S MARK LOOKS LIKE...?

RUSTLE
THIS IS THE FINAL FORM OF THE MARK.
Hey,
WHEN MY MARK WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS KIO'S IS NOW, THE COLOR WAS ABOUT THIS BRIGHT.
Um, first off...
Look, here.
YOU'RE AN ARCH-ANGEL ..!?

SORRY FOR HIDING IT ALL THIS TIME.
What a great reaction.
SINCE YOU'VE GROWN INTO YOUR ROLE AS ONE OF THE SEVEN, I FIGURED IT WAS TIME TO SHOW YOU.
IT'S TRUE
THAT THE ARCHANGEL WAS NEVER EXPECTED TO SPEAK, EVEN AT MEETINGS OF THE SEVEN ANGELS.
SO THIS IS WHY?
FRAW.

FRAW,
OUTSIDE OF HERE, I'D LIKE YOU TO TREAT ME AS YOU HAVE BEEN, AS LOREIN OF THE SEVEN ANGELS.
IT'S CUSTOMARY FOR THE ARCH-ANGEL TO BE CUT OFF FROM ALL ANGELS EXCEPT THE SEVEN ANGELS.
I'VE BEEN DOING THIS BECAUSE I DIDN'T LIKE THAT.
KIO WILL PROBABLY CHOOSE THE SAME PATH.
FROM TIME TO TIME, TAKE NOTE OF HOW KIO'S MARK HAS CHANGED.

KIIIIOOO—
NEVER LEAVE HIS SIDE.
THAT'S AN ORDER FROM THE ARCH-ANGEL.
AS YOU WISH.

IT'S A NEW ONE.
HUH..? DON'T TELL ME YOU GUYS HAVE ALREADY MADE THE NEW AND IMPROVED BIKE!?
YEP
JINGLE
HERE.
PHEW, YOU'RE STILL HERE.
YEAH, LORD LOREIN WANTED TO TALK TO FRAW.
IT'S AMAZ-ING!
—YUTO DID MOST OF THE WORK BUT—
HE TOLD US NOT TO TELL YOU...
YUTO!
KIO
WHY ARE YOU ...
FORGET ABOUT THAT!

HE TOOK THE BIKE TO A SNOWY MOUNTAIN ON EARTH TO TEST IT, LET IT FLY AND GOT HURT...
I WOULD HAVE TESTED IT FOR YOU
THAT'S NOT YOUR JOB!
YOU KNOW,
I WOUND UP LIKE THIS, BUT THE BIKE WAS WAY MORE POWERFUL.
YOU'LL BE FINE RIDING IT, KIO.
I'm sure of it!
THANKS, YUTO.
THIS IS ALL I CAN DO TO HELP.
BE CAREFUL ON YOUR JOURNEY.
FRAW, ARE YOU ALL BETTER?
YEAH.

WHOA!
HUG
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
—
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
NO...
THERE'S JUST BEEN LOTS OF SURPRISES LATELY...
THAT'S RIGHT
YOU'VE ACTUALLY CHANGED A BIT.
HUH? REALLY!?
YEAH
More muscular

—KIO?
I.. FIGURED OUT THAT I OVERDO IT, SOMETIMES.
WITHOUT REALIZING IT, I GOT YOU INVOLVED AND MADE YOU OVERDO IT..
I'M SORRY
...BUT I, THINK THERE ARE STILL GOING TO BE THINGS I WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP MYSELF FROM DOING.
AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS..

BUT IF IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE RE. LLY GOING TOO FAR, I'LL STOP YOU.
YOU CAN FIGHT LIKE YOU WANT TO FIGHT.
IT'S FINE, KIO
KIO.
YOU'LL WIND UP OVERDO-ING IT, TOO.
I'LL STAY WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

EVER SINCE WE WERE BORN, YOU'VE BEEN THE CENTER OF MY WORLD.
ARE YOU GOING TO STAY WITH THAT ANGEL UNTIL HE WAKES UP, THEN?
IT'S WARM... THE COLOR OF HIS FEATHERS...
Pretty
AH.
blink

JOY

"WHAT'S... YOUR NAME...?"
"KIO."
"KIO... I'M FRAW."
"FRAW?"
"YEP, KIO."
YOU'VE... ALWAYS GIVEN ME STRENGTH.
EVEN NOW...

I'M ONLY HAPPY WHEN I'M WITH YOU
YOUR WARM LIGHT SUPPORTS ME
WHEN YOU'RE HERE, IT MAKES ME STRONG
BUT YOUR DUTIES AS ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS—
WELL, I'M OFF THE HOOK FOR THOSE.
What?
THEY SAID THAT EVEN IF I'M HERE, ALL I DO IS WORRY ABOUT YOU, SO I SHOULD GO DO WHAT I WANT.
BUT... WON'T YOU GET DEMOTED THEN?
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I DO.

Flap
LET'S GO
Wait!
YOU CAN'T JUST SAY THAT!
IF I DON'T HURRY UP AND GET PROMOTED BEFORE THINGS WITH FRAW'S JOB GET REALLY BAD, THIS WON'T TURN OUT WELL...
Hey!
THEY'RE FINALLY HERE.

TIG, LUKE! WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WE DECIDED TO GO WITH YOU GUYS.
WITH US...!?
YOU DRAW STRONG MANIFIS TO YOU, KIO.
IT'S NOT LIKE I DRAW THEM OUT.
PLUS, A BIG GROUP MIGHT KEEP YOU FROM OVERDOING IT.
Ah!
TENRI SUGGESTED THIS, DIDN'T HE?
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED (TO TRY) NOT TO OVERDO IT!
WELL, IT'S TRUE.

I'm the one helping out here!
But you still haven't finished Lord Greg's training have you Tig?
HEY HEY HEY!
WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE
HOW ABOUT IF YOU JUST THINK OF IT AS HELPING TIG OUT?
Ah ha ha ha
WATCH OUT!
GET AWAY FROM THERE!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
WHOOSH!

SLAM
Ah!
ARE YOU OKAY!?
ONE OF THE LIMBS FROM A GREAT TREE...

—... HAS THE DISEASE GOTTEN THAT BAD?
THAT MIGHT BE IT, BUT THE TREE'S OLD.
IT WAS ACTUALLY STRANGE THAT NONE OF THE BRANCHES HAD BROKEN OFF BEFORE NOW.
BUT SINCE THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE IN THE ROOTS, IF WE EXPOSE THEM NOW, WE CAN...
HEAL IT?
LORD LOREIN WAS A LITTLE TOO GRATEFUL WHEN HE STOPPED BY.
WE CAN GIVE IT A TRY.
GREEN, ARE YOU RESTING LIKE YOU SHOULD?
HM? YEAH— ...
YOU ALREADY FAINTED ONCE
WHAT?!

rustle
HM
HM
!
UM... WELL... HE'S THE HEAD OF THE SEVEN ANGELS, AND I'D WORRIED HIM...
...PLUS I SLEPT A FULL DAY SINCE THEN, SO I'M FINE NOW
...DOES HE KNOW THAT LORD LOREIN IS ACTUALLY THE ARCH-ANGEL...?
Is he does. I can see why he fainted
Bulls-eye
ARE YOU OK?
SKY... CREPE!?
YOU JUST TRAVELLED BACK HERE, AND THE TREE LIMB..
But you look fine
flap

WHAT HAPPENED ON EARTH?
Haa Haa
MANIFIS... CAN'T ENTER CHURCHES, HUH
THAT'S RIGHT.
GOOD, WE CAN REST UP A LITTLE.
ARE YOU OK?
YEAH

YOU KNOW THOSE INSTRUCTIONS WE GOT TO RETURN TO THE ANGEL'S WORLD...
I BET IT WAS SO THEY COULD TELL US THE TRUE NATURE OF MANIFIS.
WHICH MEANS... THAT WHAT THE SOUL PRISON ENVOYS SAID IS TRUE, HUH.
MANIFIS ARE HUMAN SOULS..
NO MATTER WHAT OUR ENEMY IS,
WE WILL CARRY OUT THE DUTY GIVEN TO US.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING KIO WOULD SAY.

Sorry, sorry!
RUB
RUB
HEY...
THAT LOOKS BAD...
DON'T BE HASTY.
I CAN... STILL FIGHT... THERE ARE... FEWER OF THEM...
A HEALING TECH-NIQUE ...
NO, THERE'S NO TIME FOR IT.
I WISH I'D LEARNED SOME.

—MORE HAVE COME.
IS THERE A PATH TO THE SOUL PRISON OPEN SOMEWHERE?
ABOVE US .. AT THE TOP, I GUESS.
SOMEONE'S MADE A PATH FROM THERE.
IF WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF WHOEVER'S DOING IT, THEY WON'T STOP COMING.
THEN I'LL GO.
TAP
UGH!

ANTE,
SKY AND CREPE ...?
THEY'RE FINE. IT SEEMS LIKE THEY MADE IT TO A GREAT TREE AND GOT BACK TO THE ANGEL'S WORLD.
IT'S FINE, JUST REST.
THEY GOT YOU TOO.
sorry
THE MANIFIS AREN'T JUST AFTER US.
IF WE LEAVE THEM BE, THEY'LL START GOING AFTER HUMANS.
COME ON, ANTE.
HELP SHOULD BE COMING SOON. SO LET'S JUST...
HUH!?

Ah!
WAIT, DEAN!
Clack Clack
IN'
YOU SOUND JUST LIKE KI—
SAY ANY MORE, AND I'LL TAPE YOUR MOUTH SHUT
WHAM

EEEEEK
Here they come!
FWIP
EEEK

FWIP
PLEASE JUST GO HOME!
FWIP
ANTE, TAKE CARE OF THESE.
FLAP
HUH?
WHAT?
SLAM
I'LL TAKE THE TWO UP THERE

THEY NOTICED US.
SHOULD WE FIGHT THEM?
I'LL GO.
I SEE.
ARE THEY THE ONES OPENING THE PATH?
SWSH
WHAT A BOTHER.
LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN ANGEL'S WINGS WITHER AWAY.

ZOOM
Whoa!
What?

FWSH
That was close!
STAY AWAY FROM THAT GUY, DEAN!
Huh?
HUFF
FWOOM

Ping
swish
swish
Ping
SURE, SURE.
INTER-RUPTED AGAIN?
FWOOM
THAT'S ENOUGH. COME BACK, YOU TWO.
ROAR
AHH!
TOO MANY OF THEM...
Eeee
SLAM
SLAM
Gyaa!

YEAH.
ARE YOU OK?
Ah.
Grumble

Hey
You saved us!
I SEE ...
SO THE ANGEL THE COLOR OF THE SUN HAS APPEARED AGAIN
THERE...
REALLY IS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THAT ANGEL ISN'T THERE?

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Oh, Sleet
EVER SINCE TENRI BECAME ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS, HE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME FOR SLEET.
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<TENRI AND SLEET, CONT'D>
Get on
Exception
UNICORNS DON'T PARTNER WITH ANGELS.
9

You just missed him
HE LEFT FOR EARTH.
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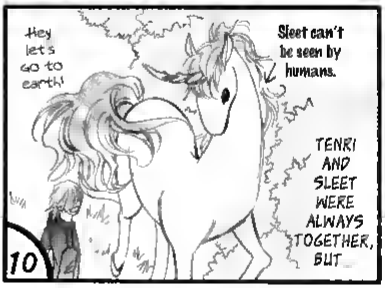
Hey let's go to earth!
Sleet can't be seen by humans.
TENRI AND SLEET WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER, BUT
10

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TENRI'S TEACHING AT THE SILVER PALACE RIGHT NOW, SO YOU SHOULDN'T INTERRUPT HIM.
11

16
He's acting like a spoiled kid
Ouw!
He's ferocious, isn't he?
The end

12
HE WAS NEEDED AT THE RAINBOW PALACE AFTER HE FINISHED HIS LESSON, SO HE'S GONE.

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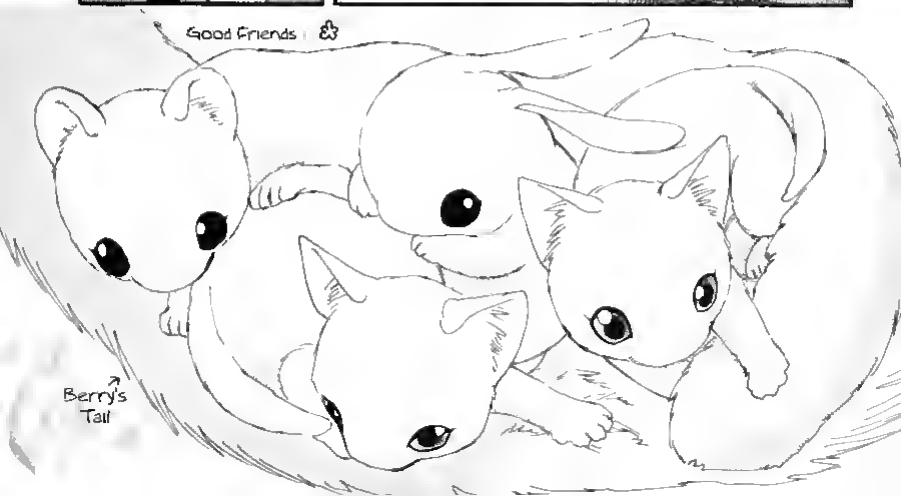
WHO IS HE, EXACTLY?
UM... THIS "ZEHTA" FELLOW...
IN ANY CASE, ONCE ZEHTA IS RETURNED TO THE SOUL PRISON, LORD ENRA SAID THAT THERE WON'T BE NEARLY AS MANY AROUND
WHEN WE'RE ALL FACING MANIFIS, JUST FORGET THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE SOUL PRISON'S RESPONSIBILITY.


Good Friends
Berry's Tail

YOU SAID HE PULL SOULS OUT... SO HE MUST MAKE A "PATH," LIKE THOSE MANIFIS WHO RAN OFF DID.
???

A MAN WHO KILLED A GREAT MANY DURING HIS LIFETIME, AND HAD BEEN LOCKED IN THE SOUL PRISON FOR OVER TWO THOUSAND YEARS WITHOUT BEING REINCARNATED.
IT SEEMS HE HAS THE POWER TO PULL SOULS OUT OF THE PRISON,
BUT WE DON'T FULLY UNDER-STAND THE SITUATION.
Ee?

COLOR ...?
WHEN HE SAYS "COLOR" ...
Um, what? Did I say some-thing wrong?

THOSE TWO MANIFIS WERE A DIFFERENT COLOR THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS.
DOES THAT MEAN THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER MANIFIS?

What, only me!?
I... I COULDN'T ALWAYS SEE IT. PLUS, I CAN'T TELL FROM FAR AWAY, AND I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE TO DO IT.
NO, NOT FOR MANIFIS.
CAN YOU SEE IT TOO, FRAW?
THAT'S AMAZING, ANTE.
ANTE CAN'T SENSE THE PRESENCE OF MANIFIS, BUT HE CAN SEE THEIR "COLOR".
FRAW... IS THAT A COMPLIMENT? OR COMPLAINT?
EVEN LONG AGO, HE COULD TELL WHICH ANGEL IT WAS JUST BY THE COLOR OF HIS FEATHERS. HE'S A COLOR MANIAC.
Wow!
I HAD NO IDEA YOU COULD DO THAT.
SO YOU CAN TELL THEM APART FROM ANGELS?
ANGELS AND HUMANS HAVE A "LIGHT", BUT NOT MANIFIS. PLUS, THE COLORS ARE DIFFERENT FROM ANGELS'.

Replicas ?
I.. I DON'T KNOW ..
WE CAN'T SENSE THE PRESENCE OF ZEHTA'S REPLICAS, BUT IF YOU CAN SEE THEIR COLOR ...!
ANYWAY, WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO THE ANGEL'S WORLD WHEN EVERYONE WAS CALLED?
HUH!?
SO CAN YOU IDENTIFY ZEHTA'S REPLICAS?
IT WAS JUST LIKE SOME-THING KIO WOULD SAY—...
ANTE!
I WANTED TO GO,
BUT DEAN ..
SAID THAT IF ALL THE ANGELS WERE HEADING BACK AT ONCE, SOMEONE HAD TO PROTECT HUMANS FROM THE MANIFIS.
IT WASN'T LIKE THAT.

I WAS JUST THINKING, THE TWO OF YOU FOUGHT SO MUCH WHEN YOU WERE KIDS, BUT NOW YOU'RE REALLY GOOD FRIENDS.
YEAH, LOOKS LIKE IT.
DON'T YOU DARE LAUGH TOO, KIO!
SORRY, BUT...
Whoa sorry!
IT SUDDENLY STARTED RAINING, BUT IT WAS CLEAR SKIES JUST A MINUTE AGO.
SSSt
TRUE, DEAN'S CHANGED SOME.
Yeah.
Drip
Drop
LUKE?
...HE'S HERE...

A FISH?
HELLO ANGELS
SPLSH
SPLSH
THE ROOF'S LEAKING?
DRIP
DROP
slide
HUH?
I WAS WORRIED WHEN ALL THE ANGELS SUDDENLY LEFT EARTH
UM... WHO ARE YOU?
HUH ?!
WHAT'S WITH HIS AMAZING LIGHT ...!
WHY...
How you know him?

IT'S HARD TO SEE YOUR FACES FROM HERE.
LUKE, WOULD YOU MIND LIFTING ME UP?
...
NO WAY!
OH? BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE KIND TOWARD AQUATIC CREATURES?
?
THE ONES ON EARTH, YES.
YOU DON'T LIKE ME, DO YOU?
AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE QUITE BUSY. I DON'T HAVE TIME TO SPEAK WITH YOU.
Excuse me.
LUKE!
WAIT A MOMENT.

THAT ...
THAT MAN IS...!
THE WATER EMPEROR OF THE EAST.

WATER...EMPEROR...

No you can stand
AN EMPEROR !?

I DIDN'T JUST COME HERE TO CHAT.
Listen to me

HI THERE, KIO, FRAW.
AND IT'S NICE TO MEET EVERYONE ELSE.
WHY ARE YOU ON EARTH?
I COME EVERY SO OFTEN TO CHECK ON THINGS HERE.
THE LORD OF A LAKE IN THAT DIRECTION IS ACTING STRANGELY.
I THOUGHT PERHAPS IT WAS DUE TO THE MANIFIS.
BEYOND ANGELS AND SOUL PRISON ENVOYS, NATURE OFFICERS DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO FIGHT MANIFIS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
JUST SO.

CLICK
It's fine.
HOW CAN YOU SPEAK TO AN EMPEROR LIKE THAT!?
I'LL DO IT.
AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU.
YEAH ...AS ALWAYS
HE'S OFTEN BATTLED MANIFIS UNDERWATER FOR ME.
SINCE I ALWAYS COME TO ASK FOR HIS HELP, HE DOESN'T REALLY LIKE ME.
IT'S VEXING THAT HE RELIES ENTIRELY ON ANGELS TO DEAL WITH THE MANIFIS, WITHOUT TRYING TO DO ANYTHING HIMSELF.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO GET SO SULKY.
Oh, the rains stopped
FOR ME.

AT THE MOMENT, IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT ZEHTA IS IN THE DOMAIN OF ANY EMPEROR.
HUH?

AND HE ASKS IF I WANT TO BE REINCARNATED AS A WATER OFFICER, TOO!
I get it, I get it
He gets loud when he's angry

THE EMPERORS ARE ALSO ON A CONSTANT LOOKOUT FOR ZEHTA'S WHERE-ABOUTS.
IF HE ENTERS INTO OUR DOMAIN, WE'LL LET YOU KNOW IMMEDI-ATELY.
—HOW-EVER,
SINCE HE ISN'T WITHIN OUR LANDS,

YOU SHOULD START SEARCHING THE LAND OUTSIDE OUR DOMAINS.
EVEN SO, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE LAKE FIRST.
THE EMPEROR ... WENT HOME?
YES. WE SHOULD HEAD TO THE LAKE, OURSELVES.
ENVOYS. I'VE CLOSED YOUR WOUNDS. BUT YOU SHOULD RETURN HOME FOR NOW AND REST.
WE WILL, THANK YOU.
UM... DEAN, WE SHOULD ALSO HEAD HOME.
I'M GOING TO THE LAKE.
I AM-URED?

WHAT NOW...?
IT'S SPREADING IN THE LAKE.
WHY HAVEN'T ANY ANGELS COME?
IF THEY DON'T COME SOON, THIS LAKE WILL DIE.

THEY'RE HERE...!
OVER THERE?
I'LL BE FOUND.
Flap
GLUB

LUKE!
RUSTLE
IT'S HARD TO TELL UNDERWATER. WHAT ABOUT YOU, LUKE?
YEAH.
...
IT'S HORRIBLE.
LIKE THERE'S NOTHING BUT MANIFIS UNDER THERE.
GIVE ME A MOMENT.

KIO, CAN YOU TELL?
Here.
WHAT IS THAT PRESENCE...?
KIO?
HUH? OH, WHAT?
THE VINES.
ZEHTA AND MANIFIS WITH MODERATE POWER CAN MAKE THEM.
THEY'RE MULTIPLYING WITHIN THE LAKE.
Hm?
SWSH

HE'S POS-
SESSED BY
MANIFIS!
LUKE!
SPLASH
LEAVE
THE
LORD
TO ME.
The lord?
SPLASH

SWIRL
SWIRL
GLUB
Splsh
YANK

FIGURES! WITH ALL THESE IN THE WAY, MY FEATHERS CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE LORD
SWISH
Pang
SWIRL
SLAM
SLAM
ARE YOU OK?
THANKS.

DOWN HERE?
HEY KIO, WAIT!
HURRY UP AND GO!
Swimming without your wings.
LORD GREG'S TRAINING COMES IN HANDY.
I THINK THEY ALL JOIN UP AHEAD.
Crumble
WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THESE THINGS..!
I'LL BLOCK OFF THE LAKE.
EVEN IF WE GET RID OF ALL THE ONES COMING OUT, IT WON'T BE ENOUGH.
STEP BACK, ANTE.
THEY KEEP COMING OUT FROM THE LAKE!
Squish

SWSH
Tap
Tap
Tap
Tap
clang
FLARE
BLOCKADE.

Y... YEAH.
KEEP A LOOK-OUT.
I'LL TAKE IT DOWN WHEN THEY COME BACK UP.
WILL THE FOUR DOWN THERE BE OK?
RUSH
GOT YOU.
I'LL SET YOU FREE.
1, 2, 3... THERE ARE 8 OF THEM POSSESSING YOU?

RUSH
SLAM
SO THAT'S WHERE YOU WENT.
Creak
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
CRUMBLE
I DIDN'T GO ANY-WHERE!

Are you Ok?
SO KIO AND FRAW LEFT YOU BEHIND, HUH?
IT.. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
Rustle
OVER THERE ..
BREAK
GO, KIO!
YEAH!
SWIRL
SWIRL
SWIRL

STREAM
SLAM
SWISH

RUMBLE
ゴゴゴゴゴ
WHAT THE!?
THEY DID IT?
WHAM
RUSTLE

I KNEW IT...
HE'S THERE!
Swsh
Drenched
GOOD WORK!
WAIT, DON'T SEND ME BACK YET!
YOU'RE ...
HEY!
RUSTLE

...HE'S A MANIFIS, RIGHT...?
—...WAS IT ZEHTA?
WHEN I ARRIVED, THERE WAS A TERRIFYING MAN THERE.
I... CAME TO EARTH... ON A PATH FROM THE SOUL PRISON ...
I'VE BEEN LOOKING THIS WHOLE TIME FOR AN ANGEL TO TALK TO.
WHAT DID HE ORDER YOU TO DO?
BUT I WAS AFRAID, AND I COULDN'T...
AND... THEY DID AS THAT MAN ORDERED.
THERE WERE LOTS OF US THERE, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW ANY OF THEM,
I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME.

I MET HIM IN A DESERT NEAR HERE...
ALL THE SOULS IN THE SOUL PRISON WOULD BE REINCAR-NATED...
HE SAID THAT ONCE THE ANGELS WERE GONE,
HE SAID... TO DESTROY ANGELS AND SOUL PRISON ENVOYS...

SWSH
What is

Ah...

HAD YOU OBEYED ME,
YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN REINCARNATED A FULL 80 YEARS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.
Ghg!
SQUEEZE
SEEMS YOU WON'T BE REINCARNATED AT ALL.
STOP IT!

SLAM
flare
TH...
THANK YOU ..

RUSTLE
TRYING TO STAB ME? MY, HOW SCARY.
YOUR MOVES ARE TOO RUSHED, TOO SIMPLE.
WELL, NOT THAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT A REPLICA GETTING DESTROYED.
Squeeze
DAMN IT, ZEHTA...
Grind
YOU JUST USE HUMAN SOULS...
—

swish
I'LL WITHDRAW FOR NOW...
Bang
Bang
Bang

I SEE...
I WON'T NOTICE IT BEFORE...
HE'S HIDING INSIDE THAT ANGEL?
—MY OTHER HALF.
ZEHTA!

I'LL BE WAITING,
ANGEL THE COLOR OF THE SUN.
I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT!
I SWEAR I'LL FIND YOU AND SEND YOU BACK TO WHERE YOU SHOULD BE!
I MET HIM— IN A DESERT.
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For some reason...
IT WAS RARE FOR AN ANGEL TO BE FULL OF BLUSTER, SELF-CENTERED, AND ARROGANT LIKE HIM.
FOR SOME REASON, HE SEEMED INTERESTING TO ME.
EVEN THAT FELT LIKE FALSE BRAVADO TO ME, SO I DIDN'T MIND.
DURING CLASSES, IF HE CAME ACROSS SOMETHING HE COULDN'T LEARN EASILY, HE'D VENT HIS ANGER ON YOUNGER ANGELS.
BUT...
YOU WERE APOLOGIZING OVER AND OVER, HUH.

I LIKE YOU BETTER LIKE THAT.
THAT'S BECAUSE HE... WELL, I'M JUST NO GOOD AT APOLOGIZ-ING.
?
I WAS GLAD THAT TIG WASN'T ANY GOOD AT STUFF LIKE THAT.
WOW!
WHEN WE WENT OFF TO EARTH, THE TWO OF US WENT OUR SEPARATE WAYS.
SPLASH

Amazing, Kio!
He did it!
AND WHEN WE FINALLY MET UP AGAIN, HE HADN'T CHANGED
IT'S AMAZING KIO'S ALWAYS PUSHING HIMSELF.
PROBABLY BECAUSE POWERFUL MANIFIS KEEP ATTACKING HIM.
WHAT NOW? ARE YOU GOING TO ADMIT DEFEAT AGAIN, TIG?
CAN WE REALLY SEND JUST FRAW WITH HIM?

I'M GOING TO EARTH WITH THEM.
THAT'S YOUR DECISION?
...I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD DO...?
SURE
YOU COME TOO, LUKE.
IF I HAVE TO PARTNER UP WITH SOMEONE, IT HAS TO BE YOU.
HUH
SO I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE THINKING...
THAT FOR SOME REASON, WE GET ALONG
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